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DISTRIBUTION OF AIDS/ APPLIANCES BY NIRTR
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The reasons for shortfall in achieving the target set for distribution of aids/appliances by the National Institute of rehabilitation, Training and Research;

(b) The measures taken by the Government to achieve the target;

(c) Whether there are no arrangements for post fitment care of beneficiaries to whom aids and appliances were distributed;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The details of programmes launched to promote economic development activities and self employment ventures for the disabled and the achievements made therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a)&(b) There is no shortfall in achieving targets set under Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances

(ADIP Scheme) being implemented by organizations including National Institute of Rehabilitation Training & Research (NIRTAR)

(c)&(d) At the time of fitting/distribution care is taken to explain the use of aids & appliances. Further the institutes carries out repairs and /or replacement as per the terms of the Scheme.

(e)Self-employment and economic development of persons with disabilities are being promoted through Vocational Training Centres set up under Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS). Loans are given under Schemes of National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC). The details of achievements during the year 2003-2004 are as under:

Name of Scheme	Persons Benefitted
VTCs under DDRS run by 200 NGOs	22,292
General Loan Scheme of Concessional rate of Interest under NHFDC	5,235
Vocational Training/Counseling by NIRTAR	5,242